

The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

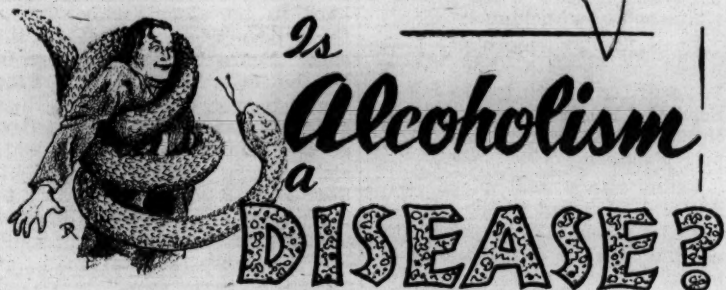
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"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Prov. 20:1.

There is a great deal of talk today about alcohol being a disease. They say, "The alcoholic is a sick man, suffering from a disease. We are going to build a hospital, put him in it and rehabilitate him." In Florida we have such a program known as the "Florida State Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program."

Before me is a newspaper clipping with headlines as follows, "All-Out War on Alcohol Set." Underneath this headline are these words: "Government medical researchers are preparing to launch their major assault against a disease that afflicts more than five million Americans. The disease is alcoholism. It ranks with heart disease, cancer and mental illness, as one of the nation's four major health problems. Congress has now set aside \$700,000 for alcoholic research."

You will notice that they did not say a word about the brewers, the distillers, or liquor advertising on television, radio stations, and newspapers.

Dishonest Propaganda by Boozie Industry

"Is Alcoholism a Disease?" Much study is being made on this subject today. I suppose the "Yale School of Alcoholic studies" is one of the best known. They are largely responsible, I think, for spreading of this propaganda which is made to order for the liquor crowd. That they cannot be unbiased in their opinion may be shown from the fact that the first eighty thousand dollars donated to this cause came from a malting company.

"Is Alcoholism a Disease?" I answer emphatically, "No." This is propaganda put out by the liquor traffic and swallowed by the American people. The liquor people know that as long as folks keep their eyes on the poor alcoholic they are not going to see the thing that made him an alcoholic—alcohol.

That the liquor traffic has con-

trol of "Florida State Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program" may be seen from a statement that appeared in their paper. I quote: "A pastor's general attitude toward drinking has much to do with whether he discovers the problem drinkers whom he may be able to help. If he is known as a militant prohibitionist or total abstinence advocate, an alcoholic is not likely to seek him out."

What is their object? They are trying to make the preacher believe that if he is for a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating

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The Glad Message of Christ's Resurrection

By Arthur Petrie, Th.D.

The Easter season, to the born-again Christian who really celebrates Christ's resurrection, is one of the most joyous of all the festivals of the church to the Christian. The resurrection of Christ meant a new beginning and a new radiant joy, and it brings with it some of the best blessings of Christ, the Risen One, to His believing people.

I. Message of Pardon

Christ "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). The offering of Christ for us being accepted, and the Offerer being raised from the dead, God can now offer a full and complete pardon to believers in Christ. "God acquits the ungodly who believe in Christ, and declares them just . . . This acquittal, in so far as it is the act of God as Judge and executive, administering law, may be denominated pardon" (A. H. Strong). There is a difference between pardon and forgiveness.

I recall the case of a man who was pardoned by the state and returned home. The family against whom he had committed the offense would not forgive him. God gives the believer in Christ both. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Rom. 8:33, 34). Full and perfect pardon now is a blessing of the resurrection of Christ.

II. Message of Peace

Peace is a message of the resurrection of Christ. It would seem that the one particular blessing

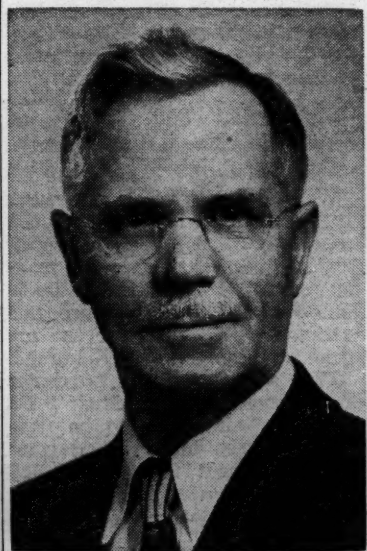
I think this is one of the grandest chapters in the writings of Paul. It is especially grand to those who have lost friends. No sooner do loved ones pass away than the question arises—Shall we meet them again? Paul answers this question and gives a consolation we can find so clearly stated nowhere else. What a consolation to know, as we lay our friends away, that we shall meet them again in a little while!

As I go into a cemetery I like to think of the time when the dead shall rise from their graves. We read part of this chapter in what we call the "burial service." I think it is an unfortunate expression. Paul never talked of "burial." He said the body was

sown in corruption, sown in weakness, sown in dishonor, sown a natural body. If I bury a bushel of wheat, I never expect to see it again, but if I sow it, I expect results. Thank God, our friends are not buried; they are only sown! I like the Saxon name for the cemetery—"God's acre."

The Gospel preached by the apostles rested upon four pillars. The first was the atoning death of Christ; the second was His burial and resurrection; the third was His ascension; the fourth His coming again. These four doctrines were preached by all the apostles, and by them the Gospel must stand or fall.

In the opening verses of this chapter in Corinthians we get a clear statement from Paul, that the doctrine of the resurrection is a part of the Gospel. He defines the Gospel as meaning that Christ died for our sins, but not that only—He was buried and rose again the third day. Then he sum-



Dr. Arthur Petrie

the Lord wished His disciples to have was the blessing of peace. Just before His crucifixion and just after His resurrection He spoke peace to them. In the upper room He said to them: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you: Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). Then, as almost a last word before His apprehension, having left the upper room, He spoke peace to them again: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

It was to confirm that peace that He came to them in resur-

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Jesus Arose and So Shall We Rise

A Heart-Warming Study of the Fifteenth Chapter of First Corinthians

By D. L. Moody

"But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept."—I Cor. 15:20.

mons witnesses to prove the resurrection: "He was seen of Cephas [that is, Simon Peter], then of the twelve; after that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James: then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

Now this is pretty clear testimony, strong enough to satisfy a candid inquirer. But the Greeks had no belief in the possibility of the resurrection, and these con-

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More Wonderful Letters!

By the Editor

We want letters during Letter Month. And I fear that we sometimes fail to thank God enough for the wonderful letters that come. We hear almost every day of somebody saved through Sword literature or through the sermons in THE SWORD itself. How we thank God that so many thousands have found the Saviour through our literature.

For every letter which comes during Letter Month chosen for publication we will give a \$3 credit card which may be used to purchase books or subscriptions.

Here are some samples of wonderful letters we have received, but never published.

"It Was From Reading THE SWORD That I Was Saved"

From South Charleston, West Virginia, came this wonderful letter.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Enclosed are three new subscriptions to THE SWORD. I want them sent to my brothers. I accepted Jesus in December last and my life has been so wonderful since, and I would like to see my brothers saved. I had to drop you folks a line to let you know that it was from reading THE SWORD that I was saved and I can hardly wait each week for my copy."

"I would like for you to remember me in your prayers that my brothers will come to know the wonderful saving grace of Jesus."

"Yours Till Jesus Comes
(Signed) Harold S. Hannon"

What a wonderful, wonderful

blessing that this man was saved. Then he sent three yearly subscriptions for his three brothers! Why don't you read THE SWORD, send it to others, and pray that God will save them?

Australian Pastor Writes of Blessings Through THE SWORD and the Booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

Pastor James L. Reid of the Church of Christ, Clayton, near Melbourne, Australia, wrote us last year:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Hallelujah! Greetings in the name of the One who is our risen Lord and Saviour."

"THE SWORDS which are reaching us at the moment tell that again it is Letter Month. For you of course Letter Month has now passed and I suppose is history. However, we must send a word on to you to let you know that we still most sincerely appreciate THE SWORD OF THE LORD with its uncompromising stand for the Word of God, its testimony to Christ and His power to save, and

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Rev. Eugene Lamerson



This is Saturday afternoon, 4:40; I am trying to finish up copy for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, getting ready to leave tonight for a revival engagement in Nederland, Texas, March 1-8.

Mrs. Rice and I will catch a plane at fifteen minutes past midnight, will fly to New Orleans, then to Beaumont, Texas, arriving there about 9:30 tomorrow morning, just in time to rush to Sunday School and the morning services of the revival. So I ought to get a little nap in before we leave for the plane.

Good Times at Ebensburg and New Castle, Pennsylvania

Last Wednesday night I preached at the Calvary Baptist Church in Wheaton, and then drove to Chicago to catch a Pennsylvania train at 11:15 to Johnstown, Pennsylvania. It was a pleasant time. Now for two weeks I hardly have had an average of six hours' sleep a night, so I rejoiced in the quietness of the Pullman roomette. I did not arrive at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, until 11:00 the next morning, so I had time for my Bible reading and prayer, time for a leisurely breakfast on the diner, and felt greatly refreshed and comforted. Then I went to a hotel, dictated some letters on my portable dictating machine, and Pastor Adams drove me the seventeen miles to Ebensburg where Dr. Bob Jones was speaking there at the First Baptist Church in a big rally in the morning. I spoke at 3:00 in the afternoon. That night both of us spoke, God was gracious. There were many holy vows and resolutions, a good number of families set out to have family altars, two young women with tears came to make open profession of faith in Christ.

Then in the hotel after going to sleep past midnight, I was awake at 5:30 in the morning and Pastor Bob Cessna of Ebensburg drove Dr. Bob Jones and me to New Castle, Pennsylvania. We got Dr. Jones moved into a room in the hotel and then went to the church. In the pastor's study I set up my dictating machine and dictated forty-two letters while Dr. Bob spoke.

After lunch I found a quiet lounging room at the Calvary Independent Church and had an hour's quiet nap before speaking at 3:00 in the afternoon. People came from fifty miles away and we had a gracious service. That night the building was packed to the doors with some five hundred people or more and Dr. Jones and I both spoke in a service that lasted till 10:30. Then I caught



By Aunt Joy

Pedro and His White Goose

By Aunt Theresa

Pedro lived with his mother and three sisters in a little white-washed mud house in Mexico. Once in a while Pedro's father came home for a week or two, but he was gone nearly all the time. He worked many miles away in the mines. So Mama Hernandez took care of the little house Papa Hernandez had built. She kept it nice and clean. There were bright colored blankets on the beds and red peppers and yellow corn hanging from the rafters. Pretty flowers bloomed in the yard.

One day Senorita Marietta, who helped the missionaries in the little white church down the road, came to Pedro's home to visit. Senorita Marietta read to Pedro and his mama and his three sisters from the Bible. They had never seen a Bible before. Senorita Marietta read how God loved them so much that He had sent

His Son the Lord Jesus from Heaven to die for them on the cross. She told Pedro and his mama and his sisters that God wanted them to love His Son Jesus and accept Him as their Saviour. They all listened very quietly as the beautiful Senorita talked to them. When she had finished speaking, Pedro said softly, "The Lord Jesus—He is good to die for Pedro. I love Jesus, Senorita." But Mama Hernandez would not say she loved the Lord Jesus and that she wanted Him for her Saviour. And because Mama would not say it, neither would Maria nor Angelica nor Rosa.

Senorita Marietta gave Pedro her little Bible for his very own. She showed him where he could read about the dear Lord Jesus dying for his sins. She showed him where he could read about Jesus rising from among the dead. The

the Baltimore and Ohio train at 11:28 for Chicago, where Mrs. Rice met me at 8:00 this morning.

Before you read this copy, or until March 22, I will be almost constantly away from home. I rejoice in the open doors, in the wonderful hearing God's people give us, but I must spend more time at the desk at home.

And oh, how we do need the power of God. In Jesus' name, please pray for this editor and THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

"Nor of Me His Prisoner"

Paul wrote Timothy, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" (II Tim. 1:8). Paul was in jail for the Gospel and so he called himself a prisoner of the Lord. And he begged Timothy not to be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord, "nor of me his prisoner." God gives some men like Paul the great privilege of suffering for Him in jail. God gives others the privilege of standing up for the man in jail, the man who suffers for Christ, and being "partaker of the afflictions of the gospel."

God has called some of us, including this unworthy editor, to stand openly, boldly in the defense of the faith. The position is not a popular position. There is a great deal of grief and heartache in the losing of friends, in misunderstanding and even in slander and abuse. To God be the glory. That is not much for us to take for Jesus' sake.

But as God calls me to edit THE SWORD OF THE LORD and bear

reproach for Christ because I stand up for Christ and the Bible and for the Bible kind of evangelism, then does not God call others to be partakers of the afflictions of the Gospel, and not be ashamed of those of us who suffer for Jesus?

We want Christians to pray for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, to speak out boldly for THE SWORD, and get subscriptions for others. Christians, announce THE SWORD OF THE LORD in your churches. To everyone who has been blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD I write this simple plea: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel."

Those who believe the Bible had better be standing by those of us who defend it and suffer for it. Loyalty to a holy cause and loyalty to those whom God has used to bless His people and defend His Word is a Christian virtue. Issues like these show who are cowards and who are heroes.

We want letters from those who can honestly express heartfelt gratitude for THE SWORD OF THE LORD and loyalty to the historic Christian faith which we espouse and defend. We want your subscriptions, your gifts, your comments, your counsel. Have you written your Letter Month letter to THE SWORD OF THE LORD?

He Wanted \$60 Worth of Pamphlets Free, "But Please Don't Publish My Name"

We had a letter this last week from a pastor who sent the good news, "My Sunday School superintendent was saved through reading your tract 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'" But if you use this testimony, please do not use my name or the name of my church."

Then he asked for 3,000 copies of the booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" free, to be used by his church in a revival campaign. He said the church had made no provision in the budget for these booklets and would we send them free!

We sent 2,000 copies of the pamphlets free, worth \$60, plus the postage of about \$3.

Does it not seem strange that the pastor and church who know what a blessing this booklet is and who want to use it would not be willing to have their name used in THE SWORD?

Thousands have been blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Now we ask you to take a plain stand. We think you ought to make announcements for THE SWORD in your own church, and if possible, get it in the church budget for every resident family. We believe that you ought to offer subscriptions in the church services or in adult classes. We believe that every pastor who believes the Bible ought to give public testimony to the value of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Will you take your stand with us, and for the historic Christian faith and Bible evangelism?

Senorita showed him in the Book of Acts where he could read about the Lord Jesus leaving this earth and promising His disciples that He would come again. She was glad, so glad, that Pedro belonged to the Lord Jesus. But she was sad, so sad, because Pedro's mama and sisters would not believe. Pedro was glad and sad too.

After the day that Pedro accepted Jesus as his Saviour he went to Sunday School every Sunday morning. Mama Hernandez would not go with him, neither would Maria nor Angelica nor Rosa. But Pedro did not go all alone. No, he took his pet, a big beautiful white goose, with him.

Each Sunday morning Pedro would say to his mother, "Mama, you will come with me to Sunday School? You will come and hear the nice talk about Jesus and the pretty singing?"

Pedro also would plead with lips and eyes, but Mama Hernandez always said, "Your mama has no time, Pedro. I must cook the beans. I must scrub the floor. I must wash the clothes. Take your goose and run along. Do not bother the mama. She is busy."

Sometimes Pedro would beg his oldest sister Maria to go with him, but Maria did not like to sit still and listen to the Senorita tell the wonderful stories from the Bible. "You go to Sunday School, Pedro," she would say. "I will stay home and play with Angelica and little Rosa. You and your goose go to Sunday School."

Senorita Marietta talked with Pedro's mother several times. She said, "Pedro is sad. It is lonesome for a little boy to go to Sunday School with only a pet goose for company. God expects mothers to teach their children about Him."

Mama Hernandez would sigh and say, "Poor Pedro! He is such a good boy since he goes to Sunday School. Maybe I will go to Sunday School sometimes too." But she never went.

Because Senorita Marietta knew it was hard for a little boy to go to church all alone, she stood on the church steps each Sunday and waited for Pedro. She would watch him come down the road with the big, white goose waddling behind. She would watch Pedro take the long string out of his pocket and tie one end to the goose's leg and the other end to the castor bean tree in front of the little white church. Then Pedro would take a handful of grain out of his pocket and sprinkle it on the ground. The goose was very happy pecking away at the grain while it lasted and Pedro was happy in Sunday School.

Nearly every Sunday morning Senorita Marietta would say, "And how is your goose today, Pedro?"

"The goose, she is fine, Senorita. She is a good goose. She likes to come to Sunday School," Pedro would reply.

"She is a good goose and likes to come to Sunday School because you are a good boy, Pedro, and have brought her here since she was young."

"Always I am asking Mama to come to Sunday School and Maria and Angelica and Rosa, Senorita; but they do not want to come," said Pedro. Two big tears rolled down his brown cheeks and splashed on his plaid shirt.

"It is too bad, Pedro," sympathized Senorita Marietta. "But you know the dear Lord Jesus often had to be alone when He was here on earth."

"And He didn't have a nice pet goose, did he, Senorita?" asked Pedro seriously.

"No," said Senorita Marietta, smiling. "No, He didn't, Pedro. You and your goose keep coming to Sunday School. Your mama and sisters are watching to see if you are a good boy because you love Jesus. Keep on asking God to make your mama want to come to Sunday School. God will hear your prayer and He will make your mama want to come. I don't know how God will do it, but He will, Pedro. I know He will. And when your mama comes and sees what good things we do here, she will want to come all the time and she will bring Angelica, Maria and little Rosa with her."

"And when my papa comes home he will come too," said Pedro. "I will be good, Senorita. I will read my Bible and pray. I will come every Sunday to Sunday School."

A few Sundays later Senorita Marietta was very surprised. She looked down the road and there was Pedro coming toward the church with no big, beautiful white goose waddling behind him. "Why, Pedro," said the Senorita, "where is your goose?"

"Oh, it is wonderful, Senorita," exclaimed Pedro, his black eyes shining. "It is wonderful! The goose she is to be the mama. At home she sit on five big white eggs. Mama says there is a little goose in each egg. My goose would not leave the eggs, even to come to Sunday School."

The goose was very cross and hard to get along with during those days when she sat on the eggs. Pedro took special care of her, but even he could not get too near her nest. One day little Rosa got too near and the goose flew at her, with wings spread wide and honking with all her might. Poor little Rosa ran screaming to Mama. "The goose she is mad at me! The goose she is mad at me!"

"That goose, she is mad at everybody these days," remarked Mama Hernandez, as she swept little Rosa up in her arms. One day not long after this, Pedro was walking lazily home from school when he saw Maria running down the road, with her black braids flying out behind her, "Pedro, Pedro!" she screamed. "The goose, the goose!" Maria was so out of breath that that was all she could say.

"Oh, something bad has happened to my goose," thought Pedro, as he ran past Maria. Down the road he ran, as fast as he could go. There in the back yard of their little house stood his mama and Angelica and Rosa. And there was his goose, prouder than she had ever been in her life, for close beside her were three darling little yellow goslings. It was fun to watch the goose teach her new babies how to eat the soaked bread Mama Hernandez brought out to them.

Every night that week after school and all day Saturday Pedro watched the goose and her little ones.

Sunday morning came and Pedro asked his mama again, "Mama, you will come to Sunday School and hear about the dear Jesus?"

"Not today, Pedro. Mama has to make tamales and scrub and wash clothes. You run along," said Mama Hernandez.

So Pedro started off to Sunday School alone—glad that he could go to the house of God, but sad because he had to go alone. Pedro was almost to the road when he heard a noise behind him. He looked back and what do you think? There was Mama Goose and her three "children." Yes, the goose had made up her mind to start her children to Sunday School while they were young, before they learned the bad ways of the world.

Mama Hernandez was standing in her front door. She saw Pedro going down the road. She saw Mama Goose with her three children walking behind him, on their way to Sunday School.

"Well," said Pedro's mama, as she put her hands on her hips. "Well," she repeated, "I will not have it said that a goose takes better care of her children than Mama Hernandez. If a goose can take her children to Sunday School, so can I."

"Pedro, Pedro," called his mother. "Come quick." Pedro could not imagine what had happened to make Mama so excited. The goose and her children were surprised to see Pedro turn and run back home.

"What is the matter, Mama? What is the matter?" called Pedro.

"Pedro, Mama is going to Sunday School. Get Rosa from the back yard. Here Angelica, wash your face and comb your hair. Maria, get yourself cleaned up nice. Quick! Quick! We are all going to Sunday School."

Senorita Marietta stood on the steps of the little white church. She blinked her eyes, for she could hardly believe she was seeing right. Down the road came Pedro, proud and happy. Back of Pedro came Mama Hernandez and her three girls, Maria, Angelica and Rosa. And back of little Rosa waddled Mama Goose and her three little yellow goslings.

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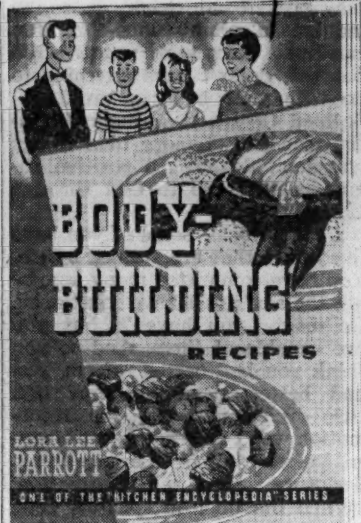
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By the Editor



We bought all the publisher had of the beautiful cookbook, *Body-Building Recipes*, by Lora Lee Parrott, in order to give you one free during Letter Month. This book has large pages, 6 x 9 inch. The cover is in beautiful four colors. Here are easily used recipes for soups, sandwiches, vegetables, meats, eggs, salads, desserts, breads, cakes, cookies, drinks, and miscellaneous. There are from four to eleven recipes per page. Fourteen of the recipes have photographic illustrations. And scattered all through the pages are sweet devotional Christian thoughts by famous men of God. This beautiful book sells for 50c, but you may have a copy absolutely free with each subscription or book order or gift to the Sword of the Lord during our March Letter Month! We think this book will be very popular and that the more than 2,000 copies we ordered will go fast. So if you want this fine Christian cookbook free with each cash book order, subscription, or gift, ask for it soon in your letter addressed to the Sword of the Lord. But remember, it is given free only with cash book order, subscription, or gift.

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Forgive Me When I Whine

Today upon a bus, I saw
A lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her—she seemed so gay—
And oh, I wished I were so fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot and wore a crutch,
But as she passed, a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two feet—the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,
The lad who served me had such charm.
He seemed to radiate good cheer
His manner was so kind and warm.
I said, "It's nice to deal with you,
Such courtesy I seldom find."
He turned and said, "Oh, thank you, sir!"
And I saw that he was blind.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two eyes—the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play;
It seemed he knew not what to do,
I stopped a moment, then I said:
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew; He could not hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two ears—the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I should know:
I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine:
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

—Author Unknown



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By the Editor

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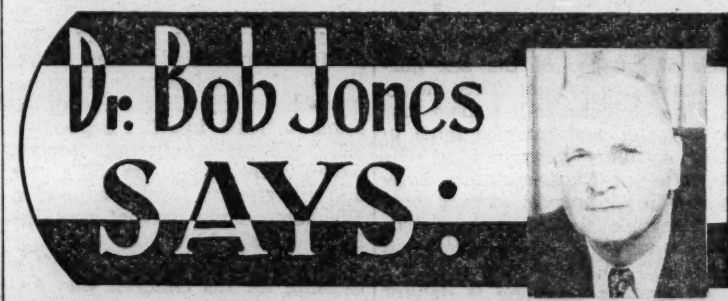
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—W. B. K.



Letters come to us from our former students in all walks of life. We teach students in Bob Jones University that life is not divided into the secular and the sacred and that every task in life should be undertaken with a sense of our responsibility to God. We tell you people so much about letters we receive from our ministerial graduates; and if I had time, I would like to tell you about a letter recently received from one of our graduates who is a chaplain in the Navy. It is a wonderful letter and a wonderful story he tells, but we cannot go into detail. Just let me say this. Graduates of Bob Jones University are on the mission field, and they are teaching school in a number of countries. They are scattered throughout America in all the states; and practically all of them are outstanding, uncompromising, orthodox, Bible-believing, soul-winning Christian leaders.

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18. Flee Homosexuality

There is one sin that is either becoming more common as our nation careens on its downward way into the abyss, or else those who commit it are becoming more defiant. That sin is homosexuality. I have read that John Foster Dulles has had to dismiss 325 employees from the United States Department of State for this practice! Recently the president of a college in California told his wife that he was going to New York to hire some professors. He came to New York all right, but for the purpose of finding some with whom to indulge in homosexuality. He picked out a detective by mistake and was arrested. It was in the newspapers at the time.

The Bible is plain about this sin.

"Even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient."—Rom. 1:27, 28.

The homosexuals were so vile that even God gave them up!

Those who commit the sin of homosexuality are especially difficult to help. That is because they are defiant about their sin. They excuse themselves, claiming they were born different from the rest of us.

My friend, Dr. Clyde Narramore, who is a Consultant in Research and Guidance for the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, says, "There are several theories for the cause of homosexuality. It has been suggested that it is an inherited tendency. Studies have indicated that this has only been true in less than one per cent of the cases studied. Another theory suggests that homosexuality is prompted by lack of balance of the sex hormones in the system. This theory is plausible because it is true that both males and females have in their systems hormones of the opposite sex. Experimentally, however, while it was found that some homosexuals showed lack of balance, many did not" (*Life and Love*, p. 156).

As long as any one is defiant about his sin, until he accepts the Bible's estimation of it, no one can help him. The only possible way for a homosexual to be helped is to admit and confess his sin and come to Christ. Only then can the Lord help him. In the case of the homosexual, who has gone so far from the normal path of life, the advice of a Christian psychologist would be helpful in leading him out of his maze of confusion. Effort must be made to normalize the life in all ways.

There is a definite hope for any and all sinners. The Apostle Paul reminds us, "And such were some of you" (I Cor. 6:11). That verse follows the passage about fornicators, adulterers and homosexuals. We cannot deny the truth that some who are now Christians have committed all the sins that the Apostle Paul mentioned but we do not need to practice these sins any more. Why? Because we gain a new outlook, "... old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). "Ye are bought with a price" (I Cor. 6:20). And what a price!

Jesus paid it all,
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.
(Hall-Grape)

19. Flee Sin

I have tried to mention all the forms of sex sins that may tempt you, but in case I have missed your special one, let's consider sin in general and the results of committing any sin. God dealt with all iniquity, all wickedness, when He gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. He said, "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." That means if you commit adultery, God is going to punish both you and your children and your grandchildren and your great-grandchildren.

You may object, "Jack, that isn't fair. Do you mean that if I go out and live a fast and double life in sin that I not only might get a venereal disease and end up in the insane asylum, but God is going to punish my children?"

You may not think it is fair, but go to any medical doctor and he will tell you that it is a scientific fact.

Max Jukes, the atheist, lived a godless life. 540 of his descendants were traced. He married an ungodly girl, and from this union there were 310 who died as paupers, 150 were criminals, 7 were murderers, 100 were drunkards, and more than half of the women were prostitutes. His descendants cost the State one and a quarter million dollars.

But praise the Lord, it works both ways! There is a record of a great American man of God, Jonathan Edwards. He lived at the same time as Max Jukes, but he married a godly girl. An investigation was made of 1,394 known descendants of Jonathan Edwards: 13 became college presidents, 65 college professors, 3 United States Senators, 30 judges, 100 lawyers, 60 physicians, 75 army and navy officers, 100 preachers and missionaries, 60 authors of prominence, one vice-president of the United States, 80 public officials in other capacities, 295 college graduates, among whom were governors of states and ministers to foreign countries. His descendants did not cost the State one single dollar.

Another godly man who left a blessing for his children was Andrew Murray, minister and writer who lived in South Africa. Eleven of his children grew to adult life. Five of the sons became ministers and four of the daughters became minister's wives. In the next generation, ten grandsons became ministers and thirteen grandchildren became missionaries. The blessing of Andrew Murray was on his life, his sons' lives, his grandsons' lives, and still continues. "The memory of the just is blessed" (Prov. 10:7).

Let's not forget that when the Bible says a man will reap what he sows there is a good side to that truth. Scripture says, "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7). Many are the blessings that come to the young man or young girl who lives a godly life.

20. Follow After Christ

There is one answer to this sin question—and that answer is Christ! I know, because as a teenager I was a jazz-happy kid, disillusioned, with a great void in my heart, which I kept trying to

gratify by worldly pleasures and entertainment.

I didn't know Christ, though my parents insisted that I go to church—any church. I went to one church after another. Maybe I didn't stay long enough in any of them to find anything. Whatever the cause, I wasn't satisfied or even mildly interested.

When I reached seventeen years of age I decided I'd had enough. I wasn't going to any more churches of any kind. This was during the depression. My dad lost his job and I had to quit high school before graduation to help support the family. I sold fire insurance in the daytime and led a dance band at night. Pretty good one, too, with plenty of bookings at fraternities, clubs and sorority dances!

To make things more interesting, I joined the 101st Cavalry Band in Brooklyn, which met one evening each week. It was here that I met George Schilling. At band practice one night he gave me a Gospel of Saint John. I chuckled and said, "What's the idea, George? You're the last one in the world I thought would be giving out Bibles."

"I've taken the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour," was his reply.

I tried to hand the Gospel back, but he insisted I take it. To be polite, I put it in my pocket. On my way home, while standing in the railroad station, I put my hand in my pocket and found the Gospel. I stared at it, reading the cover, and decided it would have been bad enough if it had said "Gospel of John," but that Gospel of Saint John business seemed to burn me up. I thought, *Boy, what a Holy Joe I would be carrying around the Gospel of Saint John!* So I tore it to pieces and threw it off the railroad station platform.

The next week George asked, "Did you read the Gospel of John?"

"No, I tore it up. I don't go for that Saint business. I'm a Protestant."

George insisted on giving me another Gospel. I said, "George, I don't want religion."

"But this isn't religion. It's Christ," he explained.

I still refused to read any Gospel of Saint John.

About six months after this we all left for army camp for summer maneuvers. I thought, *George will forget all about his religion on this jaunt, for last summer George committed every sin in the book.* When we got there, some of the fellows began using the name of the Lord in vain. George said, "Listen, fellows, the name that you are dragging down is the name that is taking me to Heaven." I had to admit just saying that took a lot of nerve. But George didn't stop there. When it was time to retire, he got his Bible, sat with a flashlight shining on it, read it and then prayed. We swore at him and threw shoes at him but he stayed with it.

And then I began to think: *Here is a man who was just like the rest of us last summer, but something has changed him. Finally, I decided that he had something which I didn't have and whatever it was, I wanted it.*

That fall he invited me to a gospel meeting in Brooklyn and I went. At the meeting several people got to their feet and told what Christ meant to them. I had never heard of such a thing before. The more they talked, and the more the preacher preached, the angrier I became. That was the Holy Spirit bringing me under conviction. I didn't like anything about that meeting. I didn't like the way the preacher talked about sin, righteousness and judgment. I didn't even like the way he spoke about a real Heaven and a real Hell, and that the only hope of Heaven was by the new birth. I didn't like any of it and I left the meeting really angry.

That night at home, as I lay on my bed in the darkness of my room, suddenly it seemed as if all the blackness of eternity loomed before me. God had brought me to this point and I realized for the first time in my life that I, too, was a sinner for whom Jesus Christ, God's Son, had died and shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary.

Somehow I slipped out of bed, got down on my knees and ad-

mitted to God that my life had been stained, marred and blackened with sin. I asked Him right there and then to save me for Jesus' sake. That night I passed from death unto life. Simple? Yes, but that's how I came to be a Christian and found how wonderful life in Christ can be. And that's why I want to tell you, if you aren't a Christian, exactly how to become one.

Don't be self-righteous. Don't be deceived by the fact that you may not smoke, drink, dance, or indulge in promiscuous sin. You can live a completely negative life but this doesn't have anything to do with your being a saved, reformed Christian. Being a Christian consists of more than things you don't do. It is a positive, divine relationship to God through Christ.

Don't reform. Some of you have lived lives that are stained by sin. You have committed many, maybe all, the sex sins I have mentioned. Or maybe you haven't, but you are capable of them. And so you think you had better reform, you had better clean up your life, turn over a new leaf. No, reformation won't help you get to Heaven. Reformation is an empty thing. Scripture says of self-reformation, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first" (Matt. 12:44, 45).

That's the trouble with self-reformation. It leaves you empty. Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so does the devil abhor a spiritual vacuum. When he sees one, he rushes to fill it and your life becomes worse than it was before.

Don't rely on church membership. I most certainly want to see every Christian a member of a good, sound, Bible-preaching church, working for the Lord; but church membership, baptism, taking sacraments, learning the catechism, being confirmed—none of those things even help you to be saved. Nearly every day you can pick up a newspaper and see where some choir member or Sunday school teacher has become involved in sex sins. The newspapers delight in playing up the person's church membership. When the Lord was here on earth, the most self-righteous men were the Pharisees. They made a show of their religion, wearing ostentatious phylacteries and making long prayers. Jesus called them a "generation of vipers" (Matt. 12:34). No, church membership in itself is not enough.

Lip service is in the same category. Without the heart it isn't enough. I know that some of you go to youth meetings and go forward and then go out and live the same as you always have. But you only fool yourself. God knows there is no difference in your life. The Lord Jesus told the parable of two sons, saying,

... A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him (Matt. 21:28-32).

God can see if you are just giving lip service. When you go forward at a meeting there should be repentance and heart-felt belief. If there isn't, all the public show doesn't mean anything.

Don't think you can be neutral. Too many people seem to think there are three classes of people: those who are going to Hell, those

who are going to Heaven, and in-betweeners like themselves. They say they haven't made up their minds yet. But the Lord Jesus says, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12:30). The Bible knows of only two classes, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:12). So if you have not made up your mind to believe in Christ, then you are really living in unbelief, lost and bound for Hell.

Don't delay. Maybe you have not committed your life to Christ because you think you could not live as a Christian should. Of course you can't. You couldn't live this present life until you were born into it, and you can't live the Christian life until you are born into God's family. The Lord tells you plainly, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Then Christ will live the Christian life for you; no one else can do it.

All your excuses stem from pride. So discard them and seek the Lord. "Those that seek me early shall find me" (Prov. 8:17).

Come voluntarily. No one can make the decision for you, nor does God push Himself on anyone. God doesn't draft men and women into His army. You enlist. A minister can bring you to the water of life but he can't make you drink. God has given you a most precious gift—the gift of will. What you do with "time" and "eternity" is up to you. The Lord says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Rev. 3:20). He is knocking at your heart's door.

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The Wrong Question!

When I was in Detroit conducting a revival campaign some weeks back, all three major newspapers carried bold, black headlines describing the brutal murder of a roommate by an 18-year-old Hillsdale College student. Roy J. Courtade, a staff correspondent for *The Detroit News*, expressed the question which was being asked repeatedly in each of the papers. He started his front-page article, "Hunt Motive for Slaying of Student," with the words: "Dumbfounded residents of this college town of 7,500 today are asking 'Why?'—but they have no answers."

"Cause of their question is the slaying of 21-year-old Thomas Neitling, Hillsdale College senior from Tecumseh, whose body was found in his lower bunk bed about 8 a. m. yesterday."

"Held as the slayer is his roommate, Patrick James Flannery, 18-year-old Berkley football player who entered Hillsdale last September. The youth surrendered to Detroit police about the time the body of his victim was found."

"Residents here talked about little else since then."

But paragraph twelve begins: "Flannery said he had been drinking before going home." And still farther down in the feature article, correspondent Courtade wrote: "He said he and some other boys spent the evening drinking beer." Instead of asking the question, "Why did he do it?" someone should be trying to determine, "Who sold him the beer?" Yet that question never even remotely entered the discussion in any of the newspapers nor, as far as the public was told, in any of the police investigations.

The investigators never will find

a motive for the killing, I dare say. A boy's brain befuddled by booze does not need a motive for such bitter brutality. The Bible lists as one of the curses of an intoxicating beverage, "wounds without cause" (Prov. 23:29). There was no cause for the Neitling murder. There did not need to be a cause. The brutal, senseless slaying came out of a bottle of legal booze approved by the American government and legalized by the vote of American citizens under the guise of collecting a few pennies tax. In that sense, the blood of young Neitling stains the hands of Uncle Sam.

The main question for Michigan's legal authorities remains, "Where did Pat get the booze? Who sold it to him?" When that answer is determined, the guilty party should stand with Flannery as co-defendant at the murder trial and share equally in the guilt and blame.

Worshipping the Belly God

In Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, he refers to those "whose god is their belly" (Phil. 3:19). A good illustration of worshipping at this shrine took place recently when the *Beverly Hills Wine and Food Society* opened its "dining season" with the first of an eight-month-long series of stag banquets.

Importing almost the entire meal for its thirty-eight members and twelve guests, the chefs, food, pots and pans were flown in from France, and the owners of a famous Paris restaurant were on hand to oversee the elaborate affair. The dinner cost about \$15,000—an average of approximately \$300 per person—and was financed chiefly by three of the society's members who hosted the affair: Art Linkletter, J. H. Kindelberger and Allan Chase. Among the Parisian imports were 550 wine glasses and 17 cases of "fine" wines.

The "belly worshippers" began their affair with a vintage 1900 wine cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. Vintage wines were changed with each course. The highlight of the meal was a "filet de boeuf en croute et au foie gras," described as a tender filet mignon served in a crust with truffles.

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the above that millions are starving at all four corners of the globe! Such a dinner is not merely foolish, it is downright wicked and sinful.

A funeral car rental agency in Lisbon, Portugal, has begun advertising that its newest hearses are air-conditioned!

The Ideal Father

Ava Maria, a Roman Catholic weekly, gave a report by Sister Mary Theresita of a survey taken among high school students on the question, "What qualities do youngsters desire in their fathers?" The reported results were as follows: (1) Understanding; (2) Common sense; (3) Active interest in family affairs; (4) Loyalty to family members, without favoritism; (5) Gentlemanly conduct; and, (6) Leadership—he talks things over with his family, but the final word is his.

The above are commendable ideals but no father can anywhere near approach an ideal standard unless he is the high priest of the home. He must know Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour and then take the leadership in spiritual training and family worship. The above "ideal" left out the "one thing needful."

"Thanks at meals is necessary not so much because God needs our thanks as that we need to be thankful!"

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

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titutes. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold that fills our reform schools and jails and institutions for the insane. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold that corrupts law enforcement officials and courts and permits criminals to take over our nation.

"Is Alcoholism a Disease?" If it is, it is the only disease that provokes crime. J. Edgar Hoover estimates the annual crime bill at twenty billion dollars. In 1955, 2,945,216 arrests were made. There were 1,460,612, nearly one half, in three categories: drunkenness, driving while intoxicated, and liquor laws. In addition, 325,953 were for disorderly conduct and 36,815 for aggravated assault, which includes knifing, stabbing and maiming. Alcohol is a contributing factor in eighty per cent of disturbances that must be quelled by police, according to Joseph Thurston, Chicago Police Liaison Officer.

If it is a disease, it is the only disease that is habit forming. If it is a disease, it is the only disease that is spread by advertising. The liquor traffic spends more than a hundred million dollars a year for advertising, then dares to say that there is less drinking than ever before.

Most liquor ads are deceitful, but I saw one a few days ago that told the truth. "It leaves you 'breathless,'" was the title of this ad. I will agree with that ad.

I preached the funeral of a mother and wife who was killed by a drunken driver. It left her "breathless," and it also left a little boy without a mother and a husband without a wife. I stood over the casket of a little six-year-old girl; it had left her "breathless." A drunken driver had run a stop sign, she died in her father's arms, her throat cut. As I looked at her still form, I said, There are not enough dollars in the world to pay for this little life.

If it is a disease, it is the only disease without a germ or virus cause and for which there is no human corrective medicine. If it is a disease, it is the only disease that will send the soul to Hell, for I Corinthians 6:10 says that a drunkard cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven. No other disease will cause a man's soul to be lost. The whole truth of the matter is that alcoholism is not a disease but a sin, a sin that unless it is repented of and forsaken, will debar one forever from Heaven.

Drink and Juvenile Delinquency

If it is a disease, it is the only disease that produces juvenile delinquency. I have before me a newspaper clipping from one of our local newspapers, deploring the use of alcohol among teenagers. The article is, "Juvenile Use of Alcohol Becomes Grave Problem." I quote: "Whether it's due to the so-called faster living of today or in line with alarming increase of alcoholism among adults, teen-age drinking has reached an alarming stage. Juvenile authorities in Palm Beach County are very concerned about it. Our Counselors say there have been twice as many cases brought into Juvenile Court in the past two years as in the previous years. Of twenty cases handled here last week, fourteen of them involved drinking. But even more alarming to these juvenile workers is the growing evidence that many parents and other adults are contributing to the problem, when they should be trying to help them. At 2:30 a.m. on a recent Sunday, four juveniles were picked up by the authorities when they were found in various stages of intoxication." (Strange that these juvenile workers are so concerned and yet did not try to find where these boys and girls obtained the liquor.) When taken to their homes, it was found that the parents of only one child was at home at the time. The rest were out doing some drinking of their own. "Juvenile authorities and police are doing all they can to solve the problem but they can never be

successful without the help of the parents."

I would like to add that they will never be successful until they close the beer taverns, nightclubs, saloons and run the dirty scum who operate them out of town. Mr. Mayor, Mr. City Commissioner, Mr. Chief of Police, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Judge, if you want to do something to solve this problem, get up on your hind legs and fight the source of the trouble—legalized liquor. I don't expect you to do it because many of you sit around and set the example before these boys and girls by sipping cocktails yourselves. You have been tied, hand and foot, by the liquor traffic.

How do you expect boys and girls to believe that it is wrong to drink when you, the leaders of our community, grant licenses for them to operate? How do you expect our boys and girls to believe that it is wrong to drink when there are full-page ads in our newspapers urging them to drink? How do you expect them to believe that it is wrong when forty times each day the beer cans walk back and forth across the television screen, urging them to drink more of the beer that made Milwaukee and the rest of the world stink?

I tell you, if you want to do something about juvenile delinquency, then close up saloons and beer taverns and nightclubs and do away with all liquor advertising.

Those in Favor of Drinking Say Prohibition Cannot Be Enforced!

You say, "But you cannot enforce a law that is unpopular." What about the income tax law? Does the government enforce the income tax law? You know that they do. If they can make 70 million people pay taxes, isn't it reasonable to suppose that they can stop people from selling liquor?

What about the Draft Law? Do they enforce it? Just try breaking it and you will find out. If Congress can pass a law that will reach into your home and mine and take your boy and mine and send him ten thousand miles from home against his will, don't you believe that they can stop people from selling intoxicating drink?

What about the Integration Law? It is very unpopular in the South, but they say that they are going to integrate the schools even if they have to call out the army. When our Government wants to abolish the liquor traffic as much as they want to integrate our schools, they will not have any trouble.

"Is Alcoholism a Disease?" I think this question has been answered and I am sure that anyone who believes in the right will agree with me.

Let me close by saying that if it is a disease, it is the only disease that will cause a soul to be lost, for we read in I Corinthians 6:10, "No drunkard can inherit the kingdom of heaven." The whole truth of the matter is that alcoholism is not a disease but a sin, a sin that will debar the soul from Heaven forever. May God help all Christians everywhere to recognize this fact and rise up and fight and drive this hellish business from our land.

Is Alcoholism a Disease?

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beverages, or that if he believes in total abstinence, that he will be unable to help the alcoholic. In plain English, they are trying to shut the mouths of preachers who are in favor of doing something about the traffic that made the alcoholic in the first place. If spreading the propaganda that alcoholism is a disease did not help their cause, they certainly would not spend millions of dollars to get a gullible public to believe this lie. That this propaganda is paying off may be seen from the fact that the majority of people today emphasize alcoholism as a personality defect having nothing to do with the bottle.

That the "Florida State Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program" is helping to propagate this lie may be seen by an article that was published in the *Reporter*, their official publication. I quote: "If alcoholism were a communicable disease, a National emergency would be declared. More than two per cent of the population of the United States are problem drinkers." This article goes on to tell of the enormous cost to the nation of alcoholism, then asks the question, "Why has this problem

grown so enormous?" The answer that they give makes just about as much sense as this whole approach to the alcohol problem. They say it may be in part because we do not understand each other, that the alcoholic is sick and until we understand that, we cannot help him.

Do you think these people who preach this theory are so dumb that they do not know that there could be no problem of alcoholism without alcohol? No, they are not dumb; they have sold out lock, stock and barrel to the liquor crowd. If they told the truth they would be out of a job before sundown.

I am glad however, that all doctors are not in agreement with this approach. Dr. Andrew C. Ivy says, "There is just as great a proportion of sub-normal people among abstainers as among alcoholics." Dr. Robert G. Fleming of the Harvard Medical School says, "Most alcoholics are normal people whose drinking has caught up with them and not psychiatric cases." According to these statements by those men of the medical profession, the problem is not alcoholism, but alcohol.

For Congress to appropriate \$700,000 to make a study of "this disease about which science knows little," is the height of stupidity. Anyone knows that the cause of alcoholism is alcohol. If Congress wants to do something about alcoholism, let them stop the advertising and sale of the thing that makes alcoholics—alcohol.

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tune of one hundred and fifty million dollars annually. One nationally known magazine received more than four million dollars a year for liquor ads. If it is a disease, it is the only disease that requires a half-million outlets to spread it. If you want to stop this so-called disease, then close up these places and the disease will play out. If it is a disease, then why don't they fight it like other diseases—destroy the germ that causes it? If it is a disease, it is the only disease that requires a license to propagate it.

What would you think if the Government said, "Pay me five hundred dollars and you can sell T.B. germs"? You would rise up and demand that this man be sent to prison and that his place be closed. I suppose that the reason no one has advocated selling T.B. germs is because no way has been discovered to get rich by afflicting people with them.

If it is a disease, it is the only disease that is bottled and sold. No other disease can be sold over the counter for a sum of money, but the U.S. Government says that if you buy a license you may sell this disease to whoever will buy.

If it is a disease, it is the only disease that produces revenue for the Government. No other disease that I know of is taxed by the Federal Government. If it is a disease, it is the only disease that provokes crime. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold that causes a man to get in his car and kill innocent people on the highway. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold that will cause a father to go home and take his baby by the heels and beat its brains out against the wall. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold that will cause a mother to desert her children and leave them to be thrown on the mercy of the world. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold that will take the bread from the mouths of little children and the clothes from their backs and the shoes from their feet. It is the only disease that turns boys into criminals and girls into pros-

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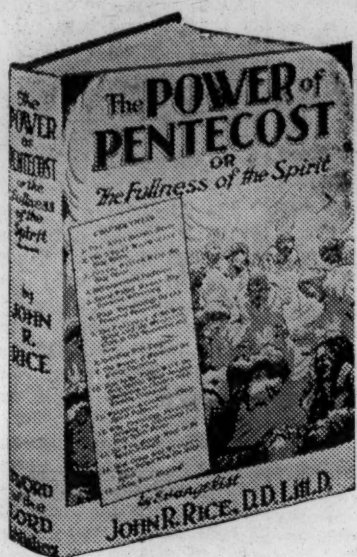
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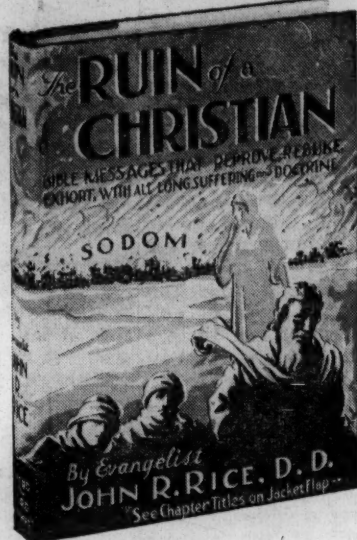
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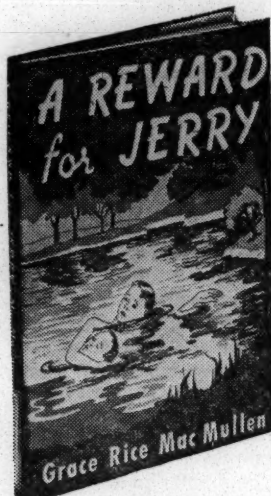
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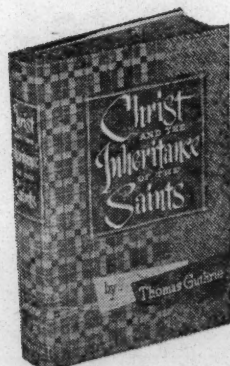
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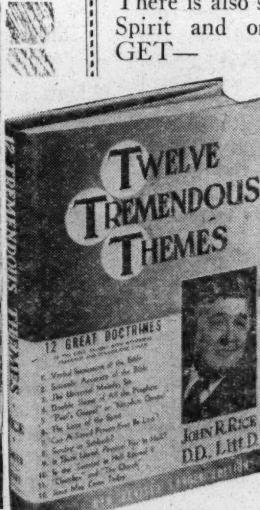
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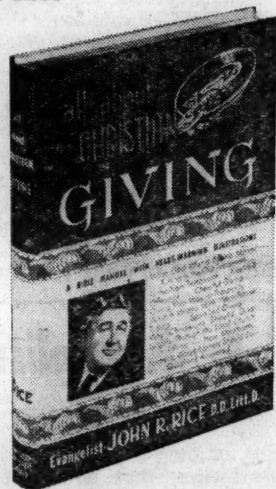
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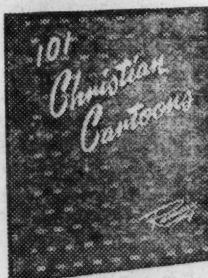
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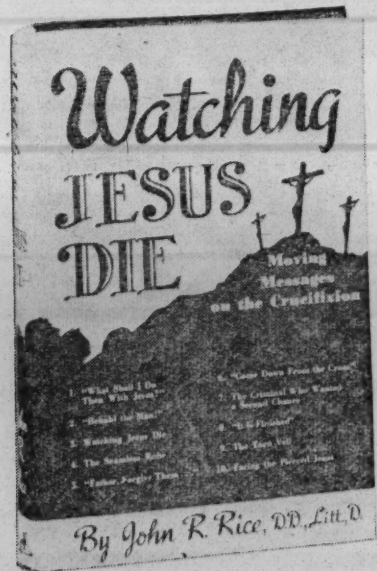
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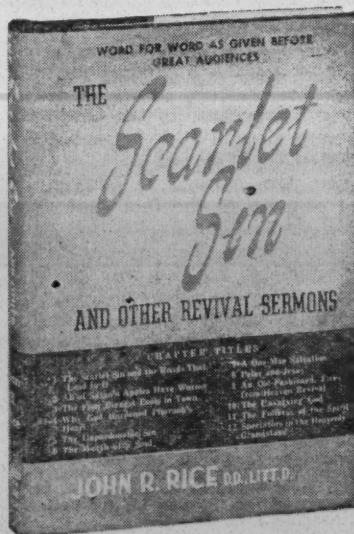
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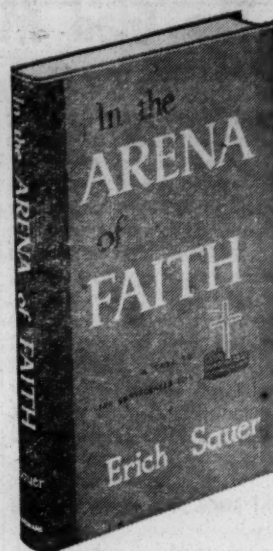
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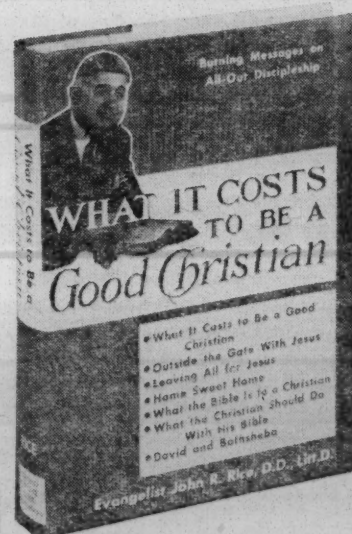
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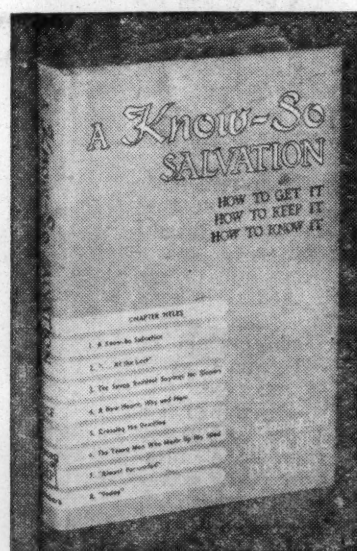


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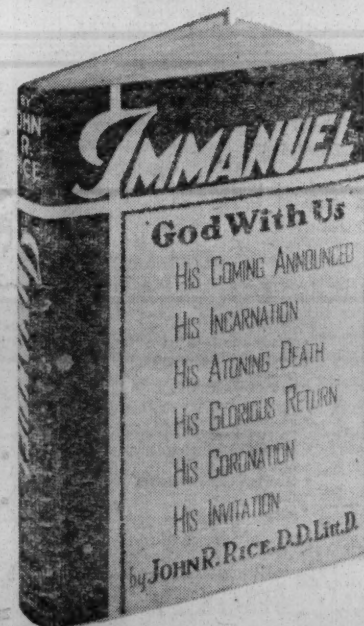
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The Glad Message . . .

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rection, and spoke peace to their fearful hearts. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (John 20:19). It was the word of the Victorious One to banish their fears. He had made peace through the blood of His cross (Col. 1:20); He now came to proclaim and confirm it in the person of the Resurrected One.

Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?

On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.
—Edward H. Bickersteth.

III. Message of Purity

Purity of life is a message of the resurrection. Chapters 5 and 6 of Romans teach it. The Christian needs more than pardon; he needs purity of life after pardon. In the resurrection of Christ provision is made for the Christian to walk in purity of life. Romans 5:10 tells us of it: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." Bishop Handley Moule reads it, "We shall be kept safe in His life, in the life of the Risen One,

who now lives for us, and in us, and we in Him." In Romans 6 the provision for purity of life through the resurrection of Christ is "more fully unfolded" (Moule). There we are shown "the life-aspect, our vital incorporation with our Redeemer, our part and lot in His resurrection-life" (Moule).

This blessing of the resurrection is stated in the words of Romans 6:4: ". . . That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Through the resurrection of Christ a pardoned sinner may live the life outlined in Romans 6—a life in which "he liveth unto God" (v. 10), a life in which "sin shall not have dominion" over him (v. 14), a life that is "free from sin" (vs. 18, 22), a life that has its "fruit unto holiness" (v. 22). We need this purity of life, and we may have it. The Holy Spirit was sent forth by the living Christ to do in us subjectively what was done for us objectively on the cross of Christ. Robert Murray McChesney wrote in one of his letters: "I often pray, Lord, make me as holy as a pardoned sinner can be made" (*Memoirs*, p. 159).

IV. Message of Power

Power is a message of the resurrection of Christ. The Apos-

tle Paul desired to know Christ "and the power of His resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). The believer in Christ needs and must have power—the power of the resurrected Christ, whether it be the power of authority (*exousia*) or the power of action (*dunamis*).

Power is associated with and displayed in the resurrection of Christ more than in anything else connected with Him. We read of "the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead . . ." (Eph. 1:19, 20). Herod associated power with resurrection when he said, "John the Baptizer is risen from the dead, and therefore do these powers work in him" (Mark 6:14, A. S. V.). Our Lord's present resurrected life is by the power of God, as the Word says, "For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God . . ." (II Cor. 13:4).

V. Message of His Presence

Perhaps the most personal message of the resurrection of Christ to believers is the promise of His presence. The last words of Matthew 28 are ones of great preciousness to believers. The resurrected Christ said, "And, lo, I am with you always." The original is quite expressive, and reads, "And, behold, I with you am all the days"—"the words emphasizing continuity more than the English adverb" (*Ellicott's Commentary*).

It is interesting and instructive

Receive Him as Saviour. It is not enough to know that Christ died on the Cross for your sins; you have to make a personal decision, for "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). When you receive Him as Saviour, the sin question is settled for you.

Last winter I was in Ottawa, Canada, holding a city-wide youth campaign. The first night I noticed a Christian businessman leading a young high school fellow to Christ. The next night he led two or three more. Each night of the campaign he kept leading people to Christ. One night I stopped him and said, "I would like to know you, sir. I appreciate your being in the inquiry room each night, winning people to the Lord. How long have you been a Christian?"

"Just three years," he answered, "and I'm trying to make up for lost time. I should have been saved years ago. If I had been, I would not have gotten into the mess that I've been in."

Then he told me that he used to run a night club in Las Vegas, Nevada. He got in with the underworld and that led him into trouble with the police. As he explained, "I was arrested and sent to prison and when I finished serving my term I was deported from the United States to Canada. By the time I got to Canada, I was ready to listen to the Gospel and I was saved."

I was so impressed that I asked him if there was any possibility that he could come to New York some Saturday night and give his testimony at our Word of Life rally.

"Jack, I can't come. You see, because of my sin I was deported and I can never enter the United States of America again as long as I live. But you know, even though I can never enter your country again, some day I'm going to enter God's Heaven because I've been born into God's family."

Think of that! Because of his sins, he couldn't come to New York, but because of the Cross of Calvary, he will go to a far better place—God's Heaven.

You, too, can go to Heaven if you own up to the fact that you are a sinner and tell God that you believe Christ died on the cross for your sins and that you are receiving Him as Saviour. Do that and you'll be born again instantly into the family of God.

(Fifth of six installments on SEX AND THE BIBLE, by Jack Wyrten. Will you see that young people read these articles? Watch for another next week. These are taken from the book by the same name, published by Zondervan, and used by permission. The whole book may be purchased for \$1 from Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois. Enclose 15c for postage and handling.)

to note that each gospel has an ending peculiar to itself. Matthew ends with the resurrection of Christ. Mark ends with the ascension of Christ. Luke ends with the promise of the Holy Spirit. John ends with a word about the second coming of Christ.

In his life of warfare for the truth, Paul was encouraged by the knowledge of the presence of Christ. In Corinth the Lord said to him, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee" (Acts 18:9, 10). And in his final "defense" (*apologia*) of the faith, when "all men forsook" him, the Lord stood with (alongside of) him, and strengthened him (II Tim. 4:16, 17). The resurrection of Christ makes Him personally present with us: "I will not leave you comfortless (orphans): I will come to you" (John 14:18).

VI. Message of Position

The resurrection of Christ brings with it a message of position to the believer. Every believer is united with the resurrected Christ. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead . . ." (Rom. 7:4). It is considered a privilege to sit with certain persons at great banquets and on important occasions. Believers are privileged to sit with Christ in His resurrected state: "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6). This privilege is emphasized in Colossians 3:1-3: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." It is the resurrected Christ who introduced us to that exalted position.

Many years ago, when I was a boy in London, I read a story I have never forgotten. Queen Victoria was giving a lawn party. A soldier was pacing to and fro in front of the grounds, keeping all unbidden guests from passing in. A little boy was peering into the distance trying to get a glimpse of his queen. Presently a gentleman of the lawn party noticed the little boy outside. He went out to him, took him by the hand, and led him past the guard into the presence of the Queen. After a brief interview, the boy, full of excitement, left the presence of his Queen, and was about to run past the guard. The soldier called out to him, "Do you know who that man was?" The boy did not know. "That was the Queen's son, the Prince of Wales," said the soldier.

What the Queen's son did for a brief moment for the little boy, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has done for His people. He has led us into the presence of God with Himself, not for a moment, but for a lifetime.

VII. Message of Promise

Another message of the resurrection of Christ is this precious promise in John 14:19—"Because I live, ye shall live also." It is a promise of our own resurrection. The Lord's resurrection is the promise and the guarantee of the resurrection of His people. "Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus . . ." (II Cor. 4:14). That promise has been a comfort to untold thousands of Christians throughout the Christian centuries. A German Christian who knew the meaning of sacred numerology asked that the number 888 be put on his tombstone. Eight is the number of resurrection. Three eights is the resurrection emphasized, and it is the numerical value of the name Jesus (in Greek). This saint and scholar knew that, and so expressed his faith in the promise of the Lord Jesus, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

An old man tells a story of himself which explains the resurrection in a very striking way:

"I had a little sister who died when I was but five years old. The grief of losing her sank deep into my heart; and weeks went by before I could be happy in the playroom where we had so often

been together, or could endure the sight of her books and toys.

"Often I stole away alone to the churchyard where she lay, and sat for hours near the little mound that covered her pretty form; for I did not feel so lonely when I sat beside her there. I had always been a quiet child; but this sore trouble completely took away my spirits, and made me almost ill. At last my parents became alarmed for my health, and proposed to take me to the seaside. I, however, begged hard to remain near my little sister, and was so unhappy at the thought of leaving her, that they agreed to let me stay.

"Mamma," I said, 'you know you told me Teddy would come again from under that ground—that God was going to raise her up. I want to be here when she comes.'

"My boy," my mother answered, 'our little Teddy is not coming back just now. God is not ready yet to bring her body out of the ground. He is taking care of her soul now, and when you die you may go where she is.'

"Must I go into the ground, too?" I asked; 'and shall I come out all bright like Teddy?'

"Yes, my boy."

"But, Mamma, I don't see how. How can it ever be?"

"My mother opened her hand, and showed a little seed, telling me to take it and bury it in the ground. She said that God meant to have the seed buried in that way, so that it might grow up and produce beautiful flowers, and that the same Great Being could also raise up our friends from their graves, and give them glorified bodies.

"Every day I loitered for hours around the spot where I had buried the seed, and even brought my book and studied my lessons there. I somehow felt that upon the coming up of that plant depended the raising up of my little sister—that if my mother's word proved true about the seed, I should have a sure promise of some day seeing little Teddy again. So I watched and waited anxiously for many days, and the time seemed very long.

"At last, one morning, after a very rainy night, I went out, and saw, to my intense delight, two small green leaves peeping above the ground just where I had buried my seed.

"To this day I can remember the thrill of joy I felt at that sight. It was not merely delight at finding that I was to have a flower of my own; but to my childish heart it seemed like an assurance straight from Heaven that my little Teddy would be taken care of, and given back to me again.

"Now I was happier than I had been for many weeks, and as my morning-glory grew and blossomed my trust in God's power grew stronger, till at length all the heavy weight of sorrow was lifted from my heart." (*The Treasury of Children's Sermons*, p. 688).

The Lord Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).

—The End—

Sex and the Bible

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but it is up to you to open the door.

Come to the cross. Nearly every religion in America talks about Jesus. They cite Him as a good man, as an example for us all to follow. But when they consider Him only as a good example, then they are "denying the Lord that bought them" (II Pet. 2:2). He is much more than a teacher or an example. He is the Saviour! Jesus is the One "who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness" (I Pet. 2:24). For "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:18, 19).

As our great hymn says:

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Or that other great hymn:

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners, plung'd beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

Thank the Lord,

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
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"A week ago I spoke at a meeting of the Packenham Convention Fellowship, where some came to Christ and others rededicated their hearts and lives. As I was giving an elderly lady of 60 years of age your little booklet, *"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"* a good Christian friend, Mrs. Davis of Lang Lang, who had been doing the personal work, mentioned to me of the great joy that she has in giving out these little booklets to unsaved folk. She told of a man who for years had been most bitterly opposed to the Gospel, but had just come right through for Christ and was being greatly used of the Lord in this country district, testifying to folk and now giving out your little booklet, which had been the means of bringing him to Christ. Praise God that although so far away you are being used of the Lord here in this land. May the blessing of God be your daily portion in every way and may THE SWORD and all of your literature be increasingly used for the salvation of souls and the starting of a true Bible revival. If you have any left, you might like to send on to me, your little booklet *Our God-Breathed Book, the Bible*.

"Your fellow soldier in Christ,
(Signed) James L. Reid"

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"I received your booklet on *Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands* and your most appreciative letter and interest in my case; I read it through and sent it right on to my husband in —, Maine. He called me by telephone but was very abrupt, but I received a letter from him Thursday and that he had read the booklet through the second time, and we both see where both of us were to blame. I definitely made up my mind when I read your booklet I'd go back. So I told him I would go back. I know we both know we need each other and that we love each other.

"I did not have that booklet before. But I did read in your books *The Ruin of a Christian* and *Prayer*. It said that a Christian should pray it through, which I tried to do. But God put our marriage back. I was weak and fell along the way. I just can't seem to find the right words to use, but I love you for bringing us back to God and I love God because He gave us men like you and because He loves us and deals patiently and gently to us. We don't deserve it but Jesus died that we could be free from sin and have the joy of our salvation.

"My husband said he would try

to get home sometime in the next three weeks. God be praised. At a time like this one would think of all kinds of words and expressions to use, but I can't seem to find any. I just don't deserve it yet it makes me very happy. Maybe later on when it becomes a real thing I can write you another letter.

"I enjoy my SWORD OF THE LORD; I just can't seem to get them read fast enough. I ordered some other pamphlets and the book on *The Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*.

"I do hope my home becomes the kind I have prayed for, that my husband will take the stand for Christ, and that as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

"Dr. Rice, thanks again for just caring, for we were strangers to you, but I love Christ and I think my husband believes more in Him. I am going to begin on your book, *The Power of Pentecost*. I want to read this for I know our time here is short and we must or love so much to want to save others.

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"My niece from Pennsylvania arrived that afternoon and they came to the field to call me in. That cloud, that looked like it

had no moisture, came around and before I got to the house I got thoroughly drenched, and we had a wonderful rain.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

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Thank you, Brother Nestor. And thank God for thousands who pray for this editor to be true and stand up for Christ and the Bible in a very serious testing time.

Missionary in the Philippines Takes A Plain Stand

We receive hundreds of letters from the noble men and women who have gone to the ends of the earth to spread the Gospel. So we are glad to publish a kindly word from Missionary Harold B. Chilton from Manila in the Philippine Islands.

"We want you to know that we praise the Lord for the stand you people are making for the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. We of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism out here in the Philippines are and have been making the same stand, although it has cost us popularity with certain circles. We have taken a firm stand against the inclusivism of Billy Graham, Bob Pierce and others, and shall continue to do so, while at the same time continuing an aggressive and positive program of evangelism, training of nationals and establishment of local indigenous churches.

"May the Lord bless you richly."

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Jesus Arose . . .

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verts at Corinth had been reared in that unbelief. And so Paul puts the question: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection from the dead?" It was one of the false

doctrines that had crept into the church at Corinth, because no orthodox Jew would ever think of questioning it.

To deny the resurrection is to say that we will never see more of the loved ones whose bodies have been committed to the clay. If Christ has not risen, this life is the only one, and we are as the brutes. How cruel it is to have anyone love you if this be true!

How horrible that they should let the tendrils of your heart twine around them, if, when they are torn away in death, it is to be the end. I would rather hate than love if I thought there will be no resurrection, because then I would feel no pangs at losing the hated thing.

Oh, the cruelty of unbelief! It takes away our brightest hopes. "If in this life only we have hope

in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Immortality

Mankind has naturally "yearnings after the infinite." Among the most primitive peoples philosophers have detected what has been well called "an appetite for the infinite," which belies the teaching that death ends all. It is one of the points of difference

between man and beast. The birds of the air, the beasts of the field, are much the same today as they were in Eden. They eat and sleep and pass their life from sun to sun in unvarying monotony. Their desires are the same, their needs the same. But man is always changing. His desires are always enlarging. His mind is always planning ahead. No sooner does he reach one goal, than he presses towards the next, and not even death itself can arrest him.

A well-known infidel once said: "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is not death, but the belief of man in his own immortality."

This presentiment of a future life has been beautifully illustrated by the feeling which grows within the bird when winter approaches, impelling it to travel towards the south—"an impulse mysterious and undefined, but irresistible and unerring," or to "the longing of southern plants, taken to a northern climate and planted in a northern soil. They grow there, but they are always failing of their flowers. The poor exiled shrub dreams of a splendid blossom which it has never seen, but which it is dimly conscious that it ought somehow to produce. It feels the flower which it has not strength to make in the half-chilled but still genuine juices of its southern nature. That is the way in which the thought of a future life haunts us all."

Philosophers have many facts to prove this universal reaching-forward to the life beyond the grave. It is supposed that many funeral rites and ceremonies, for instance, are due to it. If the body is once more to be occupied by its spirit, it at once suggests itself that it must be protected from harm. Accordingly we find that graves are concealed lest enemies should dig up the remains and tishonor them.

Livingstone tells how a Bechuana chief was buried in his own cattle-pen. Then the cattle were driven about for some hours until all trace of the grave was obliterated. But the body must be protected not alone from ill-usage, but, as far as possible, from decay; and the process of embalming is an endeavor in this direction. Sometimes, indeed, resurrection would be undesirable, and so we find that dead bodies are thrown into the water to drown the spirit. Modern Egyptians turn the body round and round, it is said, to make the spirit giddy and therefore unable to retrace its steps; while certain aboriginal Australians take off the nails of the hands let the reanimated corpse should scratch its way out of its narrow cell.

When the conception of a second life as a continuation of the present life is held, we find the custom of burying inanimate things, such as weapons and instruments. The dead man will require everything beyond—as he did this side of—death. Not alone inanimate things, but animals are killed in order that their ghost may accompany the ghost of the dead man. The Bedouins slaughter his camel over the grave of their dead comrade: indispensable in this world, it will be the same in the next. From this, one step leads to the immolation of human beings. Wives follow their husbands: slaves are slain that they may continue to serve their masters. In the words of Tennyson:

"They that in barbarian burials killed the slave and slew the wife
Felt within themselves the sacred passion of the second life."

The Doctrine of the Resurrection in the Old Testament

We only catch glimpses of the doctrine of the resurrection now and then in the Old Testament, but the saints of those days evidently believed in it. Nearly two thousand years before Christ, Abraham rehearsed His sacrifice on Mt. Moriah when he obeyed God's call to offer up Isaac. Referring to this Paul writes: "...accounting that God was able to raise [Isaac] up, even from the dead: from whence also he received him in a figure." Five hundred years later, we find God saying unto His servant Moses: "I kill, and I make alive."

Isaiah wrote—"He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off

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When Baal Needed a Hearing Aid

Note: All Scripture clues are from I Kings 18 unless another reference is given.

Clues Across

- 2 the impotent god of Ahab
- 6 son of Ezer (Gen. 36:27)
- 11 "-----, this is our God" Isa. 25:9
- 13, 14 "-----, he is the God"
- 15 a son of Caleb (I Chron. 4:15)
- 17 "that night did God -----"
- II Chron. 1:7
- 19 Ahab's wife
- 21 "----- is mount Sinai in Arabia" Gal. 4
- 23 "A continual dropping in a very ----- day and a contentious woman are alike" Prov. 27
- 26 "Elijah is here: and he shall slay -----"
- 27 "Art thou ----- that troubleth Israel?"
- 29 "It ----- well spoken"
- 31 "He put ----- wood in order"
- 32 "Hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord -----"
- 33 "And Moses diligently sought the -----" Lev. 10
- 34 "he that heareth the word, and ----- with joy receiveth it" Matt. 13
- 36 "Ahab went ----- meet Elijah"
- 38 son of Enoch (Gen. 4:18)
- 41 "-----, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here"
- 42 "either he is talking, ----- he is pursuing"
- 43 "there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that -----"
- 46 "Judgment also will I lay to the -----" Isa. 28
- 48 "there was neither voice, ----- any that answered"
- 49 the first high priest (Exod. 28:1)
- 50 "these young ----- of the princes of the provinces came out" I Kings 20
- 51 "the wisdom that is from above is ----- to be entreated" James 3
- 53 father of Lecah (I Chron. 4:21)
- 54 "I will ----- the other bullock"
- 55 one who hid a hundred prophets from Jezebel

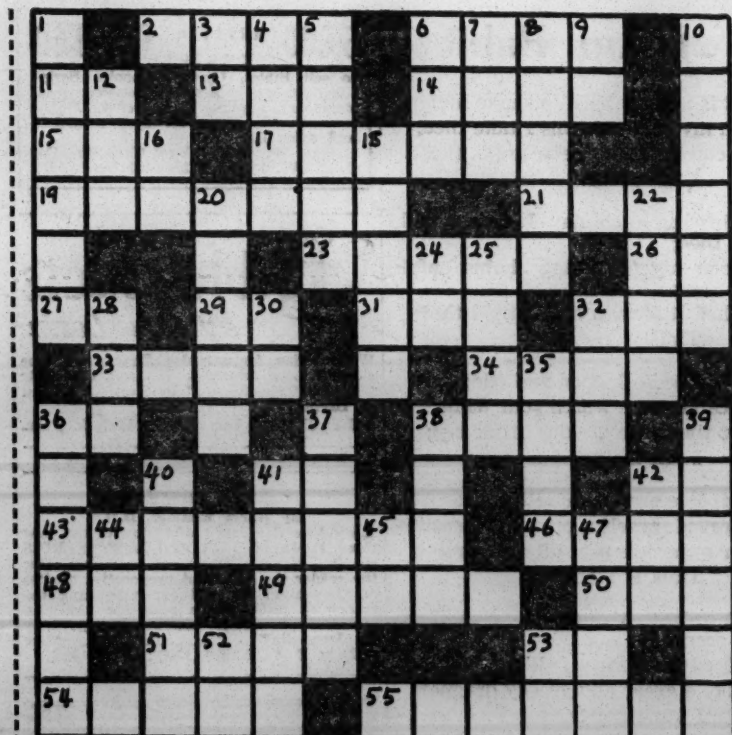
Clues Down

- 1 the prophet who brought down fire from heaven

- 3 "which eat ----- Jezebel's table"
- 4 husband of Queen Jezebel
- 5 Azariah "was a -----" II Kings 15:5
- 6 a fermented liquor
- 7 "and Shoa, and -----, and all the Assyrians" Ezek. 23
- 8 "----- thyself with glory" Job 40:10
- 9 initials of two of the intercessors God mentions in Ezek. 14:14
- 10 "Now Obadiah ----- the Lord greatly"
- 12 metal in mineral state
- 16 land where Job lived (Job 1:1)
- 18 "did he put the golden -----, the holy crown" Lev. 8
- 20 David's oldest brother (I Sam. 17:13)
- 22 idolatrous king of Judah (II Kings 21:19)
- 24 initials for Abraham's first son and his mother (Gen. 16)
- 25 "Give me thy vineyard . . . because it is ----- unto my house" I Kings 21
- 28 the entire man; self
- 30 initials for Paul's name, before his conversion, and the town from which he came (Acts 9)
- 32 "Cry aloud: for he is a -----"
- 35 "I will fasten him as a -----" Isa. 22:23
- 36 "that thou hast ----- their heart back again"
- 37 "I will surely shew myself unto him -----"
- 38 grandfather of Zechariah (Zech. 1:1)
- 39 "he made a ----- about the altar"
- 40 "if two of you shall ----- on earth as touching any thing" Matt. 18:19
- 41 "peradventure we may find ----- to save the horses"
- 42 "let not ----- of them escape"
- 44 initials of the two prophets of God in this chapter: one who stood alone; and one who compromised
- 45 same as 53 across
- 47 the son of Bani (I Chron. 9:4)
- 52 "And ----- Obadiah was in the way"
- 53 name of the altar raised for a witness between Reuben and Gad (Josh. 22:34)

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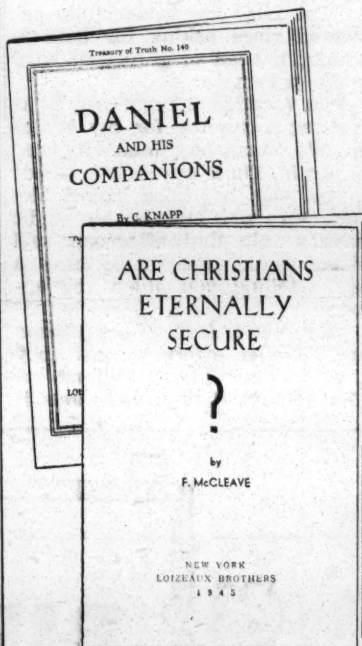
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Jesus Arose . . .

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all faces:" and again—"Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they rise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead."

Ezekiel's vivid description of the resurrection of dry bones, setting forth in prophecy the restoration of Israel, is other evidence. When David lost his child, he said he could not call the little one back to him, but that he would go and be with the child. At other times he wrote—"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness;" and—"God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me."

The patriarch Job comforted himself with the same glorious hope in the hour of his deep sorrow. He who had asked, "What is my strength that I should hope? and what is mine end that I should prolong my life?" said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job must have firmly believed that his body was to be raised to life again, but not on earth, for "there is hope of a tree," he said again, "if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stalk thereof die in the ground, yet through the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant. But man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up, so man lieth down and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not be raised out of their sleep."

In Hosea the Lord declares: "I will ransom them from the power of the grave: I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plagues: O grave, I will be thy destruction."

In the last chapter of Daniel we have another glimpse of the same truth: "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." And his book closes with these words: "Go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

And typically, too, resurrection was set forth in the Old Testament. By the firstfruits offered the day after the passover-sabbath as a pledge of the whole harvest, the children of Israel were taught in type of the Messiah who should be "the firstfruits of them that slept." Some one has said that the very first employment of Israel in Canaan was preparing the type of the Saviour's resurrection, and their first religious act was holding up that type of a risen Saviour.

And in the New Testament

But what was referred to only at long intervals in the Old Testament became in the New Testament a prominent matter of fact and teaching. The word "resurrection" occurs forty-two times in the New Testament. Many times during His ministry did our Lord refer to the general resurrection of the dead.

The Sadducees once came to Him with a difficult question about the marriage relation hereafter, and Jesus said: "As touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

On another occasion Christ said: "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends or thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they

cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

When Lazarus died, Jesus spake the consoling words to his sisters: "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha replied: "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus then said unto her: "I am the resurrection and the life."

A Splendid Guess

We see, then, that the belief in a future life did not begin with Christ, and nowhere is the claim made that immortality is His gift. We get that from the Creator.

But though the idea existed before Christianity, it was at best only "a splendid guess." The natural man cannot look across the narrowest grave and see what is beyond. Strain his eyes as he will, he cannot pierce the veil of death. It is ever before him, blighting his hopes, checking his plans, thwarting his purposes, a barrier that nothing can break down. Ever since sin entered the world, death has reigned, making the earth one huge graveyard. He has not rested for a moment. In every age and every country, "Dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return" has been the sentence overhanging mankind. All the generations of men as they pass across the earth do but follow their dead.

Many unexpected things happen to us in this life, but death is not among them. We do not know *how* or *when* it will come, but come it will, if the Lord tarry. We have heard of doctors who have performed wonderful cures, but all

with no hope, no brightness, no triumph. It was not *sunset* to them, for that bids us be on the lookout for another sun, as bright as that which set. It was not *autumn* or *winter*, for these speak of returning spring and summer. It was not *seed* cast into rough soil, for that predicts the future tree or flower, more beautiful than the seed. It was pure and simple darkness, all cloud, shadow, desolation. A shattered pillar, a ship gone to pieces, a race lost, a harp lying on the ground with snapped strings and all its music lost, a flower-bud crushed—these were the sad utterances of their hopeless grief. The thought that death was the gate of life came not in to cheer the parting and brighten the sepulchre. The truth that the grave was the soil and the body the seed sown by God's own hand to call out the latent life; that the race was not lost, but only a little earlier won; that the column was not destroyed but transferred to another building and another city to be a pillar in the house of God; that the bud was not crushed, but transplanted for fuller expansion to a kindlier soil and air; that the harp was not broken, but handed to a truer minstrel who will bring out all the rich compass of its hidden music: these were things that had no place in their theology, hardly in their dreams.

An Essential Doctrine

Some people claim that the question of a risen Saviour is not essential. Hear what Paul says: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith

without the resurrection? It would descend to the level of any of the other religious systems of the world. If Christ never rose from the dead, how do His words differ from those of Plato? Other men besides Christ have lived beautiful lives and have left behind them beautiful precepts to guide their followers. We should have to class Christ with these.

"How Are the Dead Raised? and With What Body Do They Come?"

Turning back to the chapter, we find that Paul next deals with the question *how* the dead can be raised, and with what body they come.

"Thou fool," he says, "that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die; and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; but God"—and all things are possible with God—"giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory."

"So also," continues Paul, "is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

We see the truth of Paul's illustration in the world around us. The analogy of nature does not indeed furnish a *proof* of the resurrection, but it affords illustrations of many things that are just as hard to explain—yet we do not deny the facts.

Take a little black flower seed and sow it; after it has been planted some time, dig it up. If it is whole, you know that it has no life: but if it has begun to decay, you know that life and fruitfulness will follow. There will be a resurrected life, and out of that little black seed will come a beautiful fragrant flower.

Here is a disgusting grub, crawling along the ground. By and by old age overtakes it, and it begins to spin its own shroud, to make its own sepulchre, and it lies as if in death. Look again, and it has shuffled off its shroud, it has burst its sepulchre open, and it comes forth a beautiful butterfly, with different form and habits.

So with our bodies. They die, but God will give us glorified bodies in their stead. This is the law of the new creation as well as of the old: light after darkness: life after death: fruitfulness and glory after corruption and decay.

Thank God, we are to gain by death. We are to have something that death cannot touch. When this earthly body is raised, all the present imperfection will be gone. Jacob will leave his lameness. Paul will have no thorn in the flesh. We shall enter a life that deserves the name of life, happy, glorious, everlasting—the body once more united to the soul, no longer mortal, subject to pain and disease and death, but glorified, incorruptible, "fashioned like unto His glorious body," everything that hinders the spiritual life left behind. We are exiles now, but then we who are faithful shall stand before the throne of God, joint heirs with Christ, kings and

priests, citizens of that heavenly country.

A bright young girl of fifteen was suddenly cast upon a bed of suffering, completely paralyzed on one side, and nearly blind. She heard the family doctor say to her parents as they stood by the bedside—

"She has seen her best days, poor child!"

"No, doctor," she exclaimed, "my best days are yet to come, when I shall see the King in His beauty."

Our Hope

That is our hope. We shall not sink into annihilation. Christ rose from the dead to give us a pledge of our own rising. The resurrection is the great antidote for death. Nothing else can take its place. Riches, genius, worldly pleasures or pursuits, none can bring us consolation in the dying hour. "All my possessions for a moment of time," cried Queen Elizabeth, when dying. "I have provided in the course of my life for everything except death, and now alas! I am to die unprepared" were the last words of Cardinal Borgia. Compare with these the last words of one of the early disciples: "I am weary. I will now go to sleep. Good night!" He had the sure hope of awaking in a brighter land.

At the battle of Inkerman a soldier was just able to crawl to his tent after he was struck down. When found, he was lying upon his face, his open Bible before him, his hand glued fast to the page by his lifeblood which covered it. When his hand was lifted, the letters of the printed page were clearly traced upon it, and with the ever-living promise in and on his hand, they laid him in a soldier's grave. The words were: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

I want a religion that can comfort even in death, that can unite me with my loved ones. Oh, what gloom and darkness would settle upon this world if it was not for the glorious doctrine of the resurrection! Thank God, the glorious morning will soon break. For a little while God asks us to be the watch tower, faithful to Him and waiting for the summons. Soon our Lord will come to receive His own, whether they be living or dead.

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The fear of death, and now in place of mourning
Joy, sweetest joy and peace are mine instead.*

*THE LORD IS RISEN, the reign of sin has ended,
He holds the key of death, and from its sway
My soul is freed, for now in Him ascended
Life, everlasting life is mine to-day.*

*THE LORD IS RISEN, He Satan's power has broken,
And from the foe, my ransomed soul is free;
THE LORD IS RISEN, and by his wondrous token
I too shall rise His glorious face to see.*

—MARION E. C. NETHERTON

their skill and knowledge has been unable to undo the work of death. In all these six thousand years since death entered this sin-cursed earth, human means have failed to win back a single trophy from death. Advancing civilization, increased education, progress in commerce and art—none of these things make us superior to the most degraded savages. Death always triumphs in the end. The flow is always in one direction—onward and never backward.

Brought to Light By Christ

What was unknown by the wisest man on earth was revealed by Christ. He did not create immortality, but He "abolished death, brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." "That undiscovered country," spoken of by the poet, "from whose bourne no traveller returns," is not an undiscovered country to the believer. Our Lord explored it. He entered the lists against death in His own territory and came off more than conqueror. The sceptre of death is universal still, but it is broken, and shall one day crumble into dust. The Christian need no longer speculate about the future; certainty is reached beside the empty tomb of Christ. "Now is the Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." We can see the trace of His returning footprints.

Triumph

And so we can join in the triumphant strain, "Death is swallowed up of victory." The sting of death is sin, and God has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. They which have fallen asleep in Christ have not perished, but we shall one day see them face to face.

What a gospel of joy and hope we have, compared to that of unbelief! "The heathen sorrowed without hope," wrote Dr. Bonar. "To them death connected itself

is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins." I tell you it is very essential. It is not a mere speculative question that we are dealing with: it is of the greatest practical importance. The resurrection is the keystone of the arch on which our faith is supported.

If Christ has not risen, we must impeach all those witnesses of lying.

If Christ has not risen, we have no proof that the crucifixion of Jesus differed from that of the two thieves who suffered with Him.

If Christ has not risen, it is impossible to believe His atoning death was accepted. Some one has said that the power of Christ's death to take away sin is always conditioned in the New Testament with the fact of His resurrection.

If Christ has not risen, it is impossible to admire His words and character. He made the resurrection a test-truth of His divinity. The Jews once asked for a sign, and He answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," referring to the temple of His body. On another occasion He gave the sign of the prophet Jonah: "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Paul says, "Declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead." "If He had not been divine," says one, "the sins of anyone of us would have been a gravestone too heavy for Him to throw off; the claims of Jehovah's justice would have been bands of death too strong for Him to burst."

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